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SUBJECT: ONSHORE OIL FIND IN BRITAIN

1. BRITISH GAS HAS DISCOVERED A COMMERCIALY VIABLE OIL FIELD ONSHORE IN DORSET, NEAR THE SOUTH COAST OF ENGLAND. EARLY ESTIMATES PLACE RECOVERABLE RESERVES AT 50 MILLION BARRELS AND MAXIMUM DAILY PRODUCTION AT 10,000 BARRELS. THE FIELD WILL COME ON STREAM THIS YEAR AND REACH PEAK PRODUCTION IN 1979.

2. THE NEW DORSET FIELD IS NOT COMPARABLE WITH THE LARGEST IN THE NORTH SEA BUT IS LARGER THAN THE SMALLEST NORTH SEA FIELDS NOW IN PRODUCTION. WHILE MINOR ONSHORE PRODUCTION HAS TAKEN PLACE IN BRITAIN FOR DECADES, THE CURRENT TOTAL PRODUCTION HERETOFORE HAS BEEN LESS THAN 3,000 BARRELS PER DAY, MUCH OF WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FOR NON-COMMERCIAL REASONS, SUCH AS TRAINING OF OIL-FIELD CREWS.

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